

October 24, 2011

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Dear Ms. Forrest,

I have been a resident of Silverton for over sixty years and am a retired miner, lawyer and local politician. I have seen Silvertons highs and lows during that period and right now we are in an all time low.

I am an original member of the San Juan County Stakeholders Group (SJCG). I was active in this group until recently when cancer took up my time.

The SJCSG was formed for the primary if not sole purpose, since it's inception, to keep the Federal Government OUT of our local concerns. and with the help of the Feds has located and categorized near all of the sources of water pollution whether natural or man made in the Silverton caldera. Lately most attention has been to the Cement creek and Gladstone area.

We now where the problems lay and what it will take to cure them

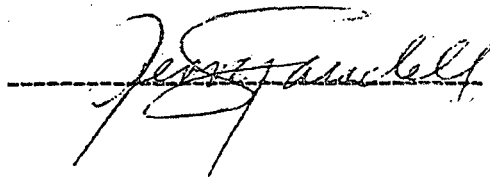
SUPER FUND IS NOT THE SOLUTION.

Silverton, because of its location has only one industry that will provide an adequate income to raise and educate a family. Tourism dose not come close and it seems that is all we now have. MINING is the ONLY chance we have to survive as viable community.

It has become a well known fact that a Super Fund designation , for all practical purposes brings mining to an end. No one can overlook the disastrous results at Leadville, Summitville and The Cour D'Alene (sic) to mention a few. No matter what promises are made , once there is a Super Fund designation The Ferderal Government will take over and do whatever they damn well please regardless of the harm to the county and its residents.

The Frderal Government can help by leaving it to the locals, provide financial aid whenever possible and see that "Good Samaritan" legislation is passed

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James B. Martin", is written over a horizontal dashed line.

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